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Page edited by Stephanie M. LeMasters

## Last issue Monday

The Parthenon is planning special coverage of the Friday Mid-American Conference Championship game and the university residential search.

Therefore, the paper will be published Monday for the final time this semester.

## Senate elections thrown out again

### Commissioner says voting will be on hold until further notice

by CARRIE A. SMITH  
reporter

Candidates running for senate seats will have to wait even longer to find out whether they won.

For the second consecutive day, Student Government Association elections were canceled.

The SGA has 16 seats up for election.

Wednesday, elections had to be called off because ID scanners on campus were not working and the SGA was not able to obtain a master list of students who were eligible to vote.

*"Had we gone through with the elections, they would have been contested by someone."*

Jason Downey,  
chief election commissioner

The ballots of the students who did vote had to be thrown out because poll workers had no means of determining who had voted and who had not.

Thursday, elections were stopped before they started.

Jason Downey, chief election commissioner, said the SGA elec-

tion rules state that polls must be open for at least two days.

"Had we gone through with the elections, they would have been contested by someone," Downey said.

The decision was made to call off the elections by SGA president Brandi Jacobs.

Jacobs could not be reached for comment.

Downey said he will be meeting with Jacobs to determine how the issue will be resolved.

"It is possible that the elections will take place next week and it is also possible that the SGA may wait until next semester," Downey said.

If the elections resume during finals week, students will be notified through fliers on campus.

If the SGA decides to wait until the spring semester to have the elections, Downey said they will advertise the new dates.

## Press conference to follow BOT meeting

The University of West Virginia System Board of Trustees has scheduled a news conference today following its on-campus meeting, which might back up what some people already have been saying.

Interim President A. Michael Perry and Chancellor Charles Manning both have said Marshall's new president could be announced today.

The press conference is scheduled for noon in 2W22 of the Memorial Student Center.

It will follow the 9 a.m. board meeting in the Alumni Lounge of the MSC.

The search committee unanimously voted Sept. 19 to recommend the three finalists to the

Board of Trustees as candidates for the Marshall presidency.

The names of the three finalists — Daniel Angel, president of Stephen F. Austin University; Gladys Styles Johnston, chancellor of the University of Nebraska in Kerney; and Michael A. Wartell, chancellor of Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne were sent to the board in alphabetical order.

"The committee simply sent the three names to the Board of Trustees as required by the statute set forth by the state legislature," Perry said. "The committee found all three candidates to be acceptable for the position."

## Delegate says he is dropping out of campaign

by CARRIE A. SMITH  
reporter

Sen. Mike Oliverio, D-Monongalia and Del. Arley Johnson, D-Cabell came to Thursday to make major campaign announcements.

Both legislators were vying for the position of West Virginia Secretary of State.

Johnson announced that because of "unfinished business in the House of Representatives" he has decided not to run. Instead, he will devote his time and efforts to support Oliverio.

"Sen. Oliverio is a young senator who presents himself in a strong manner," Johnson said, "and I am throwing my support behind him."

Both Johnson and Oliverio spoke to students about the importance of political involvement.

"There aren't enough youth involved in politics and they really need to be a part of the process," Johnson said.

"Young people bring new ideas and a fresh start."

Oliverio advises young people to search for and find their pas-

sion as they make the transition from college to the workplace.

"Think of what you need to do to accomplish your goals," Oliverio said, "and I hope it is to serve others."

"In politics, you get to do a lot of things for people and it is a great way to help others. In public service, you can make a difference."

Oliverio won his senate seat at the age of 30.

The primary election for Secretary of State is May 2000. Johnson also is up for re-election at that time.

Bill Walker, regional student campaign manager, encourages students interested in politics to work on one of the legislators campaigns.

"It's a good way to get started and there are plenty of things for students to do on the campaign trail," Walker said. "We can use all the help we can get."

More information about Oliverio's campaign is available by calling 523-5939.

Those interested in Johnson's campaign can call his office at 525-9556.

## Ashland Inc. gives university \$200,000

by LILLIAN L. WILLIS  
reporter

Keeping with a commitment made to Marshall three years ago, Ashland Inc. presented two \$100,000 checks to interim President A. Michael Perry Nov. 22.

The company made a five-year, \$500,000 commitment to two university programs, the Yeager Scholars program and the Year of the Book program. This year was the fourth payment of \$100,000 to each of the two programs.

"We are extremely grateful that Ashland Inc. is supporting Marshall University, and these exceptional programs in particular," said Perry, according to a press release from the Office of University Communications.

Martha Woodward, executive director of the John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence, said Ashland Inc. has been a strong supporter of the Yeager Scholars program for many years.

All Yeager scholarships are

funded by private donations except for tuition, which comes from the university as in other academic scholarships, Woodward said. The money from Ashland Inc. will go toward the other benefits the Yeager Scholars receive as well as instruction for the students, she said.

"Ashland Inc. is a founding sponsor of the Yeager Scholars Program, and we are delighted to continue our support," said Martha C. Johnson, director of contributions and community relations for the corporation.

"Marshall University is an outstanding institution that has educated many Ashland employees. We believe that the future of our nation depends upon its citizens obtaining a quality education.

"We're pleased to be a partner with Marshall University in providing resources to encourage academic excellence for all students."

No one from the Year of the Book program was available for comment.

## Fraternity spreads Christmas cheer to less fortunate families

by TONIA SEXTON  
reporter

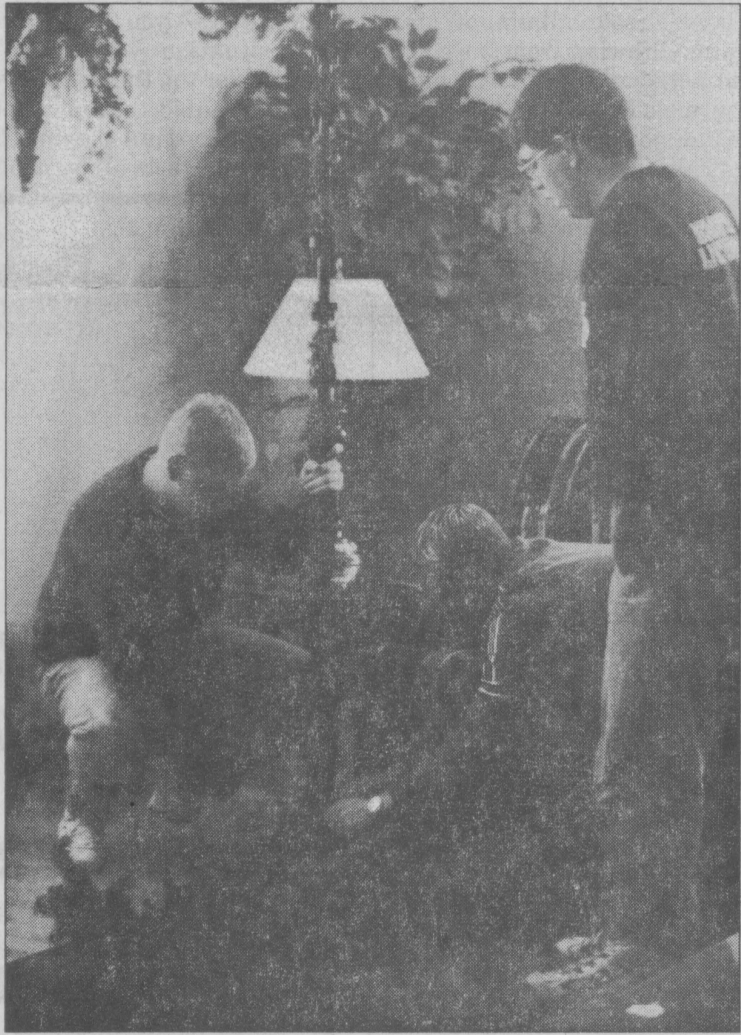


photo by Tonia Sexton

Bill Walker, Donnie Robinson and Michael Sturgill, members of Alpha Sigma Phi, assemble the Christmas tree for a Ronald McDonald House.

Fraternity members got into the Christmas spirit by assembling and decorating a Christmas tree at the Ronald McDonald House.

Brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi, along with Brandi Jacobs, student body president, worked together to make the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House feel a little more at home.

"Our brothers really got into the Christmas spirit with decorating and putting up the Christmas tree," said Bill Walker, Alpha Sigma Phi president.

"My brothers and I are really committed as ever to making this Christmas as special as possible for the children unfortunate to be in the hospital during Christmas."

Margaret Wilson, volunteer coordinator at the Ronald McDonald House, said, "This is a special group of young people who are willing to give to their community. We truly appreciate them."

Wilson said the fraternity sold tickets to the chili fest. All proceeds went to the Ronald McDonald House.

"Without them, the chili fest

would have been in big trouble," Wilson said. "We raised about \$10,000 from the event."

Fraternity members have planned a toy drive for the Christmas holiday.

Walker said helpers have been contacted to assist with the drive.

"With the help of Jacobs and Rogers Beckett, student body vice president, and we hope the athletic department, our mission will be accomplished," Walker said.

"Our plans are to conduct the toy drive and have Coach Pruett, Chad Pennington and others to help distribute the toys to the children in the hospitals at Christmas," he said.

Walker said he would like to ask organizations and individuals to help Alpha Sigma Phi with its goal of at least 500 toys.

Anyone who wants to donate can contact Walker at 523-5939 or make toy donations at 2021 Fifth Avenue.

"Community service is deeply embedded into our brotherhood," Walker said. "It's what we're all about. It should make for a really good Christmas," Walker said.

### A jazzy spring

## Jomie Jazz Center nears completion

by LAURA B. TURLEY  
reporter

The Jomie Jazz Center should be ready to rock and roll by the spring semester.

Dr. K. Edward Grose, senior vice president for operations, said the center is "basically finished."

He said the last thing that needs to be done is purchasing equipment.

Dr. Donald VanHorn, dean of the College of Fine Arts, said, "The whole building is wonderful."

The \$2.7 million center was designed in response to a gift from Joan Edwards for a jazz studies program, he said.

VanHorn said the center will have small practice rooms for individual students or small musical ensembles.

It also will have a large ensemble practice room with an adjacent recording studio, he said.

The recording studio is a state of the art facility that may eventually start a program in

recording technology, he said.

"A program in recording technology will give people who would like a job in the music business, but do not want to be a performer or a music teacher, a chance to work in the field," VanHorn said.

The Jomie Jazz Center also will contain a classroom and an electronic resource learning center and library, he said.

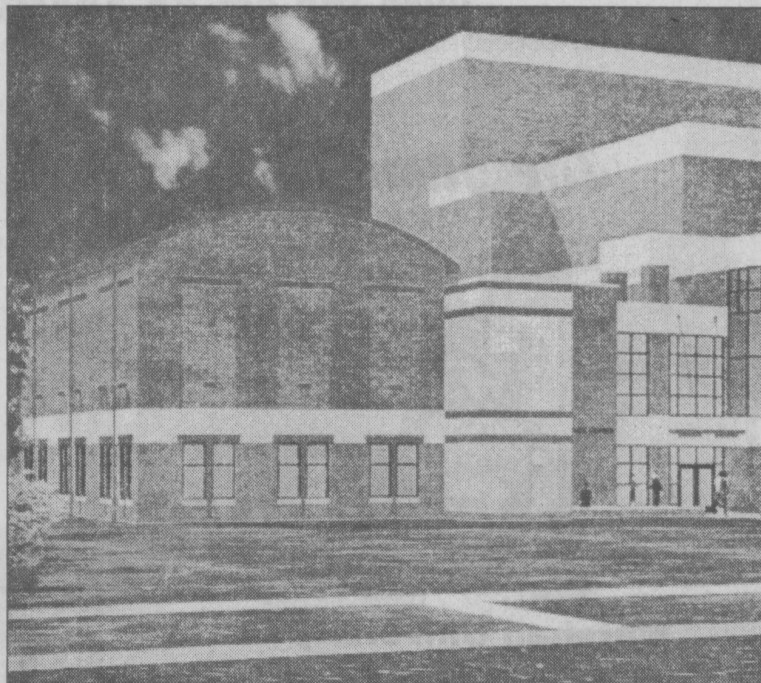
The center will house a small performance space called the Jazz Forum, VanHorn said.

"The Jazz Forum is two stories tall with balconies to create a small club-like atmosphere," he said.

VanHorn said that the center will begin being occupied at the end of this semester by the Marshall Artists Series.

"We think the Marshall Artists Series will greatly benefit from the box office in the center," VanHorn said. "It should make ticketing more efficient and easier to manage."

The offices of other faculty



artist's rendering

The Jomie Jazz Center, located next to the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse, should be completed by the spring semester

members also will be moved to the center.

VanHorn said actual programming in the spring semes-

ter will be "hit and miss" because much of the equipment will not be installed in time for the spring semester to begin.



## MU Symphonic-Community Band combines talent for winter concert

by NATALIE S. OWENS  
reporter

If you want to take a break from studying for finals, check out the Marshall University Symphonic-Community Band concert.

The band is having its ninth annual winter concert at 8 p.m. Monday in Smith Recital Hall. It is free and open to the public.

"The band is a unique organization because there are some students in it, some adults from the tri-state and high school students in it as

well," Ben Miller, professor of music and conductor of the band, said.

Miller said students who play in the band do not have to be music majors.

"The band is an opportunity for anyone who enjoys playing concert band to do so," Miller said.

Some of the band members from the Tri-state area include doctors and lawyers who like to play just for fun. Some Marshall faculty members also play in the band.

Dr. Ralph Taylor, associate

*"The band is an opportunity for anyone who enjoys playing concert band to do so."*

Ben Miller,  
Conductor

dean of the college of science plays the tuba in the band and Dr. Bruce Ebanks, chairman of the math department, plays the clarinet, Miller said.

"Varying the music makes it a challenge for me and the students," he said.

The final piece is called "Ashokan Farewell" and it was written for a public broadcasting documentary on the Civil War.

They will also play a circus march called, "Honey Boys On Parade."

This is one of two concert bands on campus.

The band rehearses every Monday during the academic year and has one concert each semester, Miller said.

## Forget fan clubs; stars send e-mail directly to admirers

by SCOTT BAUER  
The Associated Press

In the 1960s, when Roger McGuinn was flying high as the lead singer of the Byrds, fan mail sent in by the bagful would be answered by someone specifically hired to sift through the pile of letters.

Now, 30 years later, McGuinn does it himself — by e-mail.

"I never really answered my own fan mail, but I do answer e-mail," McGuinn said. "If somebody sends me a written letter, I think, 'Wow, how archaic.'"

McGuinn isn't the only star who communicates with fans by e-mail, but he may be one of the most prolific.

"E-mail is a very low-commitment type of communications device," said Irv Rein, a professor of communications studies at Northwestern University and author of a book that examines the marketing of celebrities. "It seems to me what determines whether or not they're going to answer is how busy they are."

Celebrities generally send bulk e-mail messages that give fans the impression of being directed exclusively to them, Rein said.

Rocker David Bowie uses his official Web page to post diary entries every three days and to talk with fans via organized chats.

"It's an experience he happens to enjoy," said Bill

Zysblatt, Bowie's business manager. "He spends a fair bit of time in the chat room."

Zysblatt said Bowie will sometimes post anonymously to chat room discussions and then later send participants an e-mail letting them know he was there.

While most of the e-mail Bowie receives is handled by someone else, Zysblatt said the singer will personally answer 50 or so a month.

"The Internet basically allowed him to say, 'Stop sending letters. I've found a better way to communicate with you,'" Zysblatt said. "It's an interesting and bizarre process."

Liz Bird, a professor of anthropology at the University of South Florida in Tampa, has been studying the interaction between fans and stars on a bulletin board dedicated to a popular TV show.

E-mail is a very safe way for the fan and the star to communicate, Bird said. And for the celebrity, it is an opportunity to learn what a fan really thinks without the awkwardness that can come from meeting face to face.

That's what appeals to David Crosby of Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young.

"People who are frequently a little flustered if they meet you in the street are much more open on the Internet," Crosby said. "They'll actually be able to tell you what they are thinking."

## Pianist gives wife gift of music for Christmas

by CHARLES J. GANS  
The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Keith Jarrett wanted to give his wife Rose Anne a special Christmas gift.

She had been unwavering in her love and support as the pianist battled a debilitating illness that left him wondering whether he would ever perform again.

Rather than an expensive gift, he could offer only something straight from his heart — a gift of music.

And what happened that Christmas, Jarrett says, was "a small miracle" that helped resurrect his career from the "living death" endured by those who suffer from chronic fatigue

syndrome.

This holiday season, Jarrett is sharing that gift with the world: "The Melody at Night, With You" (ECM) is a jazz album of fragile beauty that touches the soul.

Jarrett didn't know what to expect when he sat down at the piano in his studio in December 1997.

He hadn't played since November 1996, when he became ill during a tour of Italy.

For Christmas, Jarrett handed his wife a small box wrapped loosely in tissue with a scrap of paper bearing the message: "For Rose Anne, Who heard the music, Then gave it back to me." Inside the box, his wife

found two tapes titled "At night, with you."

While listening to the tapes, Jarrett discovered that he had the material for a new album.

"What I thought I was doing was giving a gift to my wife, but I now realize what I was actually doing was giving a gift to myself and the rest of the world," he said.

"The Melody" is unlike any of his nearly 100 albums. He plays a solo album of standards, drawing from his classical performances by emphasizing melodicism and the colors of individual notes.

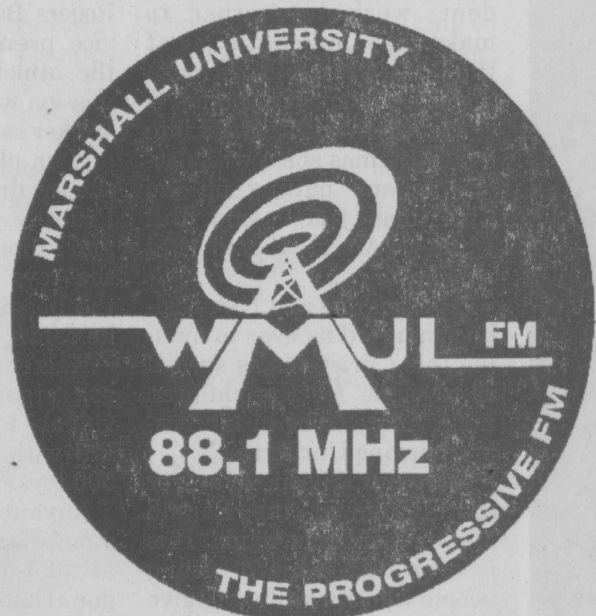
"This CD is unique because it is such a personal thing. ... I could say it's the only recording I've ever made — that was not

written music — where every note counts as much as it does."

Jarrett, 54, now realizes the way he approached his solo concerts endangered his health.

After staggering off the stage following a concert in Italy in 1996, "I recall telling my wife that I felt like aliens had invaded my body, draining all the energy out," he said.

"I'm thankful that I can make music at all. That's how this illness works — you are reduced to a situation where you're thankful for the things that you took for granted. ... You've been reduced, therefore playing the piano is a miracle all by itself."



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## OUR VIEW

### Professors need to return our grades promptly

Some of us think we are doing well in our classes.

Others think they are not.

Few actually know.

Why? Because many of us have not received grades for our exams and essays during the semester.

As a result, it is hard for us to determine where we stand in our classes.

And at this point in the semester, with only a few days of class left and finals approaching, that is not fair.

Preparing for and taking finals is enough of an emotional roller coaster for students. They should not have to worry about their status in their classes, too.

That is one reason it is so important for professors to grade those essays and exams as quickly as possible and return them as promptly as possible.

That would allow professors to mark off an item from their extensive "things to do" lists. It also would permit students to gauge their progress in the course and determine their grades to that point.

Some students determine how much emphasis they will place on a final for one class based on their standing in another class. For example, if they have a high grade and a good grasp of the material in one subject, they may choose to study that subject very little and devote more of their study time to another subject in which they have a lower grade in.

But with the date to withdraw from a class far behind and without the proper information to know how they are doing, students who do not know where they stand in their courses have to take their finals — and their chances.

While taking tests when they are scheduled and turning in assignments when they are due is a student's responsibility, grading and returning those exams and essays in a timely manner is a professor's responsibility.

Granted, most professors on campus teach four classes per semester. If there are 25-50 students in each class, that means there are 100-200 things for them to grade at any one time. Obviously, that is a lot of work.

However, we believe it is much easier for professors to grade a test than it is for their students to take one.

Therefore, professors should adhere to the same deadlines they make. Return our assignments as quickly as you would have us complete them.

Don't make us wait to know how well or how poorly we are doing.

## Get in the spirit

Christmas is just around the corner and we all know the true meaning of the holiday is to give instead of receive.

Therefore, we've got our thumbs up for the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi. Some members recently spent time at the Ronald McDonald House, where they decorated the house for charity.

We all like to receive gifts, but the gift of giving can be even better.

We suggest you donate some gifts to the Salvation Army or lend some of your time in a soup kitchen. Spread the joy and Happy Holidays.

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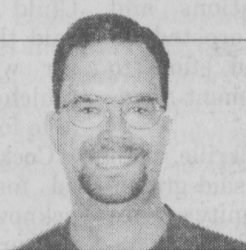
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"I will not and cannot say there will be no problems (with the possible Y2K bug)."

— Arnold Miller,  
executive director of computing services

## HIS VIEW



MARK BLEVINS  
columnist

### 'It's a Wonderful Life' a wonderful film for holidays

I have been shocked.

Shocked and appalled by what I recently learned.

Through an extremely unscientific survey I have discovered that many people have not seen "It's a Wonderful Life."

It could be that the title is a little off-putting or that black and white films are hard to sit through, but whatever the reason there are people out there who have never seen this fantastic movie.

I confess it's one of my favorites, but why shouldn't it be? It has humor, drama, suspense, and heart. And it also has the most unlikely guardian angel in history by way of Clarence Oddbody.

Just as I make plans to watch the Grinch, Rudolph, and other holiday favorites, I make a special attempt to see "It's a Wonderful Life" every year.

Jimmy Stewart gives a performance that is not only great, but would also give many comedians ammunition for years. Still, who hasn't felt like George Bailey? George thinks the world is against him and that he would be better off if he had never been born. That's where Clarence steps in. Clarence shows George what the world would be like if George had never been born. It is not a pretty sight and finally George realizes he really has had a wonderful life and wants to live again.

Yes, many films attempt a grand stroke at showing the heart of humanity, but few can accomplish that goal the way "It's a Wonderful Life" does. The film's message is life is not made up of huge gestures, but of many smaller ones. Everyone will touch at least one person's life somehow.

The film is a classic and was named was on the list of the top 100 films ever by the American Film Institute. It is black and white, but there is a colorized version for those who need to see color in their movies. It will be shown again on television before Christmas, but it would be best to rent it because the commercials will stall the flow of the film.

I feel sure that after anyone has watched this movie they will feel a little warmer on the inside.

The best part of the film is when George, who is wanted by the police, finds a book under his Christmas tree signed by Clarence. "Remember, no man is a failure who has friends." This is something we should keep in mind as the holidays cause us to hunt for the perfect gift and put up Christmas lights around every conceivable place.

It sounds silly, but sometimes the best gifts are right under our noses. "It's a Wonderful Life" is old, in black and white, and really sentimental. It is also one of the few films that will make you feel better after you watch it.

And can you really say that after watching "The Blair Witch Project."



## CAMPUS VIEW

### Student: Be quiet, show respect for others in library

Forgive me for thinking the library was a place for quiet study, research and relaxation. Possibly a quiet place away from the stresses of class.

Why is it that a select few students, every time I enter the library to study, seem to think it is a club or arena for a shouting match to see whose voice can top the others.

For some crazy reason I thought you were suppose to be quiet in the library or at least be considerate of others and have respect for them, even if you don't have it for yourself. I'm not asking anyone to cut out their tongues, just to please quiet down.

— Ketwan Crews,  
junior

### Too bad Marshall does not get a chance to shine

After a great football season it is sad to see that Marshall University is not getting the respect it deserves nationwide.

I find it appalling to see after such a season as the current one that the odds are great that the Thundering Herd probably will not play a ranked opponent in a bowl game.

It is even more depressing that they may face an opponent that was simply a loss or two away from being bowl eligible. They at least deserve the opportunity to showcase how great this year's football team actually is.

Marshall University has come a long way in recent years and the success of the football team

and many other areas of the university have taken the once small school in Appalachia to the nation's spotlight. I hope the current momentum continues to grow and is not dimmed by those who fail to recognize the greatness of Marshall University.

Congratulations to Coach Pruett and those players who have captured the spirit of football fans everywhere.

— Matt Glover,  
former student body president

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## HER VIEW

### Make SGA what it is supposed to be



CARRIE SMITH  
guest columnist

Yesterday, my last day as Student Government Association reporter for The Parthenon, was supposed to be spent covering senate elections.

Actually, it was supposed to be spent writing wrap-up stories on the SGA — how the leaders thought the semester went, what plans for the spring term are, what issues should be addressed, etc. The senate elections were supposed to be covered in November.

Instead, I spent my last evening as a reporter waiting anxiously by the phone to find out what the SGA planned to do about the cancellation of elections for the second day in a row.

Wednesday, the ballots of the few students who actually voted had to be thrown out due to a "miscommunication" between the SGA and computing services. Because the ID scanners all over campus were down, poll workers had no way to keep

track of who voted. OK, we can understand that.

So, they announced to the student body — through my story in Thursday's The Parthenon — that elections would resume Thursday and winners would be announced as soon as ballots were counted.

But students exercising their democratic right to vote were left empty-handed when they marched into the student center to cast their ballots.

Why? Because there were no poll workers, no tables, no campaigning. Nothing.

Apparently, the SGA discovered a hidden by-law stating that elections must be held for at least two consecutive days.

This was unfair to students wanting to vote and candidates seeking election.

At the end of each senate meeting, senators pass around a gavel and say whatever is on their mind. Now, it's my turn to hold the gavel.

Students involved in SGA are supposed to be leaders. They are supposed to represent the rest of us and set the example.

I am not pointing fingers at student body president Brandi Jacobs and vice president Rogers Beckett. So far, they have worked

hard to accomplish their goals of getting students involved on campus and in the community.

Like Rogers told me in an interview earlier this week, it's hard to provide activities for students when no one ever shows up. But that's another column.

The SGA wants students to participate in activities, take part in campus life and get the most out of the "college experience." They want us to vote in their elections, come to their meetings and bring them our problems and concerns.

But no one was able to get the job done and organize an election.

Why is it that these students, who take the time to print fliers, come up with catchy slogans and stand in front of the student center asking for our votes, cannot agree on something as important as an election?

Senators are responsible for many things, one of which is to decide which organizations receive funding. Funding that comes out of our student fee money. This affects everyone.

The SGA is supposed to have the potential to accomplish many things.

Please, as our elected representatives, give us a reason to believe that.

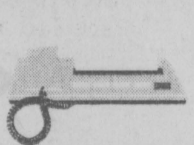
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## TKEs named 'Outstanding Group of the Month'

by **TONIA SEXTON**  
reporter

Brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon received the honor of being named "Outstanding Group of the Month" for their community service hours at the Child Development Academy.

The board of directors of the Child Development Academy at Marshall University has announced a competition for student organizations and other groups interested in donating time and effort to the Child Development Academy.

Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, dean of student affairs, said groups who donate community service hours will be eligible for recognition as "Outstanding Group of the Month."

Tau Kappa Epsilon, this month's winner, received the award for assisting with the distribution and hauling of

mulch for a playground area at the Child Development Academy.

"The guys came on a very short notice and did a great job," Cockrille said.

"They moved all the mulch and re-did the entire playground. For the first time, the children can use the playground thanks to Tau Kappa Epsilon."

Joan Atkins, director of the Child Development Academy, said the children at the center were very happy the mulched area is now available for play.

Cockrille said groups selected for recognition will be acknowledged at a celebratory dinner, where their endeavors in community service will be commemorated.

Groups that want to donate service hours can call Dr. Marianna Linz at 696-2774 or Cockrille at 696-6422.



Photo courtesy of Joan Atkins

Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity brothers were awarded "Outstanding Group of the Month" for their work at the Child Development Center.

## \$5000 scholarship to be awarded spring semester

by **AMANDA M. TULLY**  
reporter

One lucky Marshall student will receive a \$5000 scholarship in May 2000.

The Morris K. Udall Foundation is recognizing outstanding college juniors and seniors for the 2000-2001 school year.

The students must be majoring in fields related to the environment, or be Native American and Alaska Native students with majors related to health care or tribal policy.

The student chosen to receive the scholarship will be evaluated on extracurricular involvement and must have an excellent academic record.

Dr. Frank S. Gilliam in the Department of Biological Sciences is the faculty representative of the

scholarship.

"We strongly encourage anyone interested and who fills the requirements to apply for the scholarship. The strongest candidate will also bring the most competitive nominee," Gilliam said.

Congressman Morris K. Udall was an advocate of public service and issues related to the environment. The U.S. Congress established the scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation to honor Udall.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to be involved in a competitive scholarship pool," said Dr. Frances S. Hensley, associate vice president for academic affairs.

More information is available by calling Gilliam at 696-3636.

## Store opens; computer to be given away

by **ROBYN JUSTICE**  
reporter

The Best Campus Computer Store (BCCS) is giving away a computer to let people at Marshall know there is a place for computer sales and services on campus.

To celebrate its opening, BCCS will give away a computer worth \$800, said Marcia Davis, BCCS manager.

Students may enter the drawing by filling out a form at BCCS before Dec. 15. The winner will be notified by mail or telephone.

"This is a good promotion to let people know that we are here on campus and they can come here for computer service," Davis said.

Davis said BCCS is a computer store specializing in computer sales, services and support. Similar to a Gateway Country, the store sells and provides warranty

service for Gateway products.

"This is convenient because a lot of departments at Marshall use Gateway computers," Davis said.

Jon Cain, a BCCS technician and sales representative, said convenience is the store's biggest advantage.

"Students have a computer store within walking distance instead of having to drive somewhere for computer parts or service," Cain said.

BCCS will work with students to build a computer to their own specifications, Davis said.

Other services at BCCS include configuring computers and installing network cards for students.

BCCS carries Hewlett-Packard computers and printers, Davis said. The store is working to have computer software and video game software, such as Sony

*"Students have a computer store within walking distance instead of having to drive somewhere for computer parts or service."*

**Jon Cain,**  
BCCS technician

Playstation games, in the store.

Davis said the BCCS staff includes three Marshall students and one graduate.

She said an official grand opening ceremony is planned for January, but the store is open now.

BCCS' hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The store is located in the basement of the Memorial Student Center, beside the Marshall ID office.

## Pi Kappa Alpha wins awards at Founders Regional Conference

Three awards Pi Kappa Alpha won at the 1999 Founder Region Awards Ceremony were the Fraternity Man of the Year, The Housing Award and the Community Service Award.

Front from left: Scott Jacobs, Jeremy Tuttle, Russell Alexander, Mike Ankrom and Ken Zigmond.

Back from left: William Hoynes, Tregg Lindberg, K.C. Davis and Matt Patterson.



## Delta Lambda Phi works toward diversity in first year on campus

by **TONIA SEXTON**  
reporter

A new fraternity on campus, Delta Lambda Phi, strives to lead in determining the rights and privileges of individuals in society.

The Marshall University Colony of Delta Lambda Phi fraternity was founded June 19, 1999.

Jonathan Sutton, president of the campus chapter, said there are three main purposes for Delta Lambda Phi.

The first is to promote dignified and purposeful social, service and recreational activities for progressive men, irrespective of sexual orientation.

Secondly, the group strives to lead in determining the rights and privileges of individuals in society.

Finally, the group wants to present a strong and positive image that respects the diversity of all individuals, irrespec-

tive of sexual orientation.

"First of all, we are in every sense of the word a fraternity," Sutton said. "Even though there were political, social, religious and other interest groups in the gay community, there wasn't a group based on the Greek model for fraternities until Delta Lambda Phi."

While fraternities on campus are not legally allowed to discriminate based on sexual orientation, Sutton said there are members of Delta Lambda Phi who have left other fraternities because they were uncomfortable with the homophobic ambience or were asked to leave due to their lifestyles.

Sutton said Delta Lambda Phi does take Greeks who previously joined other fraternities, but there is a process of disassociation they must go through before joining.

He said the fraternity respects members' right to privacy.

"We do not disclose all of our

membership information," Sutton said. "This helps to protect those who might have jobs where anti-discrimination policies are not in place or who have not yet 'come out' to family and friends."

There are 20 active Delta Lambda Phi chapters across the United States.

"It is great to be a founding part of the Marshall Colony," Sutton said. "To know that as a founding father, I have a lifetime position on the Executive council, and will always have a voice in this organization, it is very important to me."

Sutton said the fraternity has started a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered resource library. He said he will make arrangements for people to visit the library or take materials to those who wish to use them. More information is available by calling (800) 900-2783.

Delta Lambda Phi has planned its Spring Rush period to begin Jan. 20-25.

## LCOB adds two classes to spring class schedule

by **MARISSA HAGY**  
reporter

Almost every student has tried to register for a closed class.

Some Lewis College of Business students who were not able to register for some of the more popular courses offered this spring are getting a second chance.

The LCOB has added Accounting 348 and Management 423 to the spring course schedule.

Dr. Stephen Jakubowski, interim accounting division head, said Accounting 348: Federal Taxation will be taught Mondays from 6:30-9 p.m. by Professor Charles Webb, a retired faculty member.

"Adding the course to the schedule was a matter of

resources," Jakubowski said. "Professor Webb offered to teach the class when additional resources became available."

"It is a popular course and is required for all accounting majors. The important thing is that people are made aware that the course is available."

Suzann Workman, accounting department secretary, said Accounting 348 was still open as of Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. Chong Kim, management division head, said a second section of Management 423 will be taught Thursdays from 6:30-9 p.m.

"This is a class that closes within the first couple of hours of registration," Kim said. "I found out from the (LCOB) office that there was more demand for the course. We have many stu-

dents needing the course.

"We have been offering one section of the course each semester for the past two years. Management 423 is a difficult class to get into. It fills up quickly."

Management 423 will be taught by Jim Pritt, a 1991 Marshall MBA graduate. Pritt is part-time faculty at Marshall. He is an administrative coordinator and the Total Quality Management facilitator for Eastern American Energy Corporation.

Lynn Boyes, management department secretary, said Management 423 was still open as of Wednesday afternoon. She said several students already had placed their names on a list in the dean's office to take the course.

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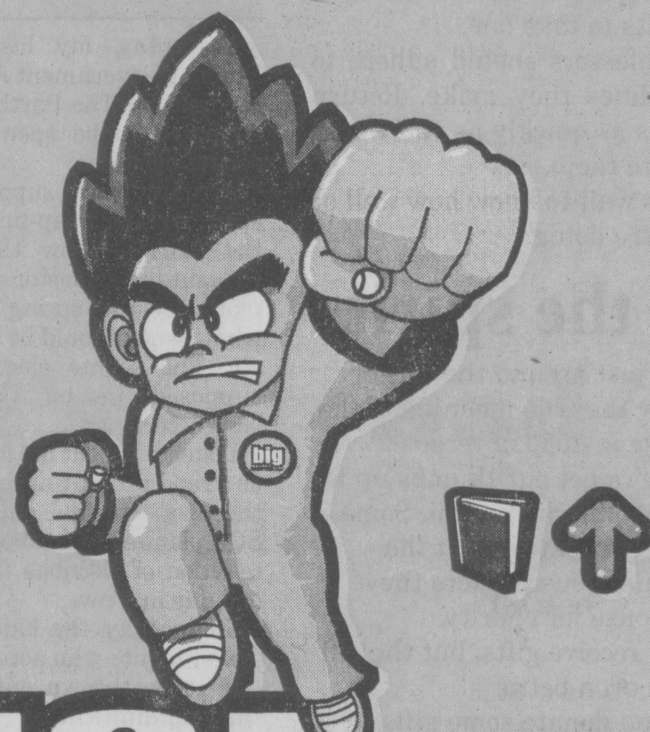
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# MU '95 to 98 percent' ready for year 2000

by **KIMBERLY DUMONT**  
reporter

With only 29 days left until 2000, how Y2K ready is Marshall University?

"It's only natural to have some level of concern about the possible effects of Y2K on the productivity and functionality of Marshall computing systems," said Arnold Miller, executive director of computing services.

Miller said the university has spent about \$2 million preparing for Y2K. Much of that was spent to replace systems with systems that perform better every day and some of it was spent to replace out-of-date systems and computers.

The university began preparing for Y2K several years ago.

"We have done it effectively compared to other state offices," Miller said.

"We believe that for the majority of users any Y2K problems that you experience will be limited to calculations with and displays of date functions," Miller said. "I will not and can not say there will be no problems."

"We can assure you that we have given our utmost effort to ensure that by Oct. 31, 1999, all components of mission critical and central systems would be Y2K compliant," Miller said. "We are in the 95 to 98 percent area."

"We have done as much as we can humanly do to check the critical systems," he said. "We have done all the upgrades that the vendors suggested."

"There is a group of people who are going to be here New Year's Eve. People from computer services, security, and buildings and grounds people will be on campus to do walk through after midnight."

He said registration resumes Jan. 3, 2000.

"Someone from admissions and registration and all of the dean's offices needs to be here to make sure that the systems are up and running," Miller said.

"We got jobs done before there were computers and we need to think, what do I do if my computer does not work, Miller said.

Miller said computer services is taking care of all computers in the campus labs, but departments that have labs must check their own. All of the equipment in the John Deaver Drinko Library was Y2K ready when it was purchased.

Faculty and staff members must check the computers in their offices.

"To assist you and your departmental technical support staff with this task, we have attempted, with the development of an information package and its accompanying web site, to equip you with the most up-to-date information regarding and tools for solving Y2K issues that may effect you workstations," Miller said.

"Although we are recommend-

ing that everyone check their machine for compliancy, the users who will be most likely to experience problems are users of older equipment and those who are heavy users of software packages that contain date-dependent calculations."

"It is especially important that these two groups of users equip their machines with the latest patches and service packs available," Miller said.

The information package can be found at <http://www.marshall.edu/computing/y2k/>.

"The information will assist you in checking the operating system and software applications residing on the machines in your area."

Miller said users of older computer equipment should check their firmware first, as this is most likely to interfere with the function of the machine.

Most equipment purchased in the past five to seven years should not have problems.

## 'Final Survival'

Women's Center offers students place to take a break during finals week

by **HEATHER MOONEY**  
reporter

Final exam week can be a stress-filled time for some students.

That is why the Women's Center is sponsoring "Final Survival" Dec. 8-14.

"Final Survival" combines quiet, couches, desks and food to create a comfortable study environment for students.

"We encourage students who just want to hang out, take a breather between finals or study, to come by. It's really good for commuter students," said Leah Tolliver, coordinator of the Women's Center.

"We started it because we just wanted to do something nice for students during a time when everyone is stressed out," Tolliver said.

"People are very overwhelmed. Some students are

wanting to do really well and they're afraid they won't get the grade. Others are having last minute assignment they're trying to get in. Some are worried about whether they're going to pass a class or not."

Kristy Takach, Glendale graduate student, said, "I study here because it's relaxed, and quiet."

Mary Lauren Brown, Huntington senior, can be found studying in the Women's Center throughout the semester.

"It's a convenient place between classes," Brown said. Students interested in "Final Survival" can go to Pritchard Hall 143.

Tolliver said if weather permits there will be signs outside the center welcoming students inside.

More information is available by calling the Women's Center at 696-3112.

## Child Development Academy gets \$59,600 grant for scholarships

Marshall University has been awarded a \$59,600 grant by the Child Care Means parents in Schools Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, according to Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, dean of Marshall Student Affairs.

"This grant will assist students in advancing their education," Cockrille said.

As part of the Child Development Academy grant, a scholarship program is being implemented.

The grant will provide a total of \$14,500 per year in scholarships for the length of the grant award.

Cockrille said she is the chairwoman of a Scholarship Committee that will award the scholarships to applicants.

Five scholarships will be given based on the facilitation of students to higher education and five scholarships will be based upon financial hardship that might have a direct impact on the retention of the student already enrolled in the university.

Priority will be given to student parents with more than one child. Prospective students also may apply.

Scholarship applications may be picked up at the Child Development Academy, College of Education and Human Services, Women's Center and the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

More information is available by calling the Office of Student Affairs at 696-6422 or the Women's Center at 696-3112.

## Accounts payable department wins award for 'Most Improved Agency'

by **NATALIE S. OWENS**  
reporter

A department on campus has been awarded the "Most Improved Agency" for 1999.

The Accounts Payable Office was given the award by West Virginia state auditor Glen Gainer.

The award is presented to one agency in the state which has excelled in the accounts payable process during the year.

The recipient of the award does not apply but instead is picked by auditors from state agencies, Larry Barnhill, director of accounting said.

"It means a lot whenever your peers and those that have to audit you select your work for an award," Barnhill said.

You rarely hear positive things about the accounts payable office, Barnhill said.

That's because it's only the negative things that stick out about the office, like if a bill doesn't get paid, he said.

The award was accepted by Kelly Francis, manager of accounts payable, and Selah Wilson, manager of accounting, in a presentation made at the State Auditor's Payment Processing Conference.

Gainer said a lot of thought went into who received the award.

"One of the most important factors that we look at is team spirit in an organization," Gainer said.

"The award is about team concept and is a team award, there is no way an accounting agency could win the award if they did not work together," Gainer said.

Another reason Marshall was awarded most improved agency is because of their improvement in using the purchase card, Francis said.

The purchase card system allows purchases of up to \$1,000 dollars to be made with a credit card and eliminates the need for individual purchase orders.

"The state is really pushing for us to increase the use of the purchase card system and we have been able to do that," Francis said.

The use of the purchase card has more than tripled for the month of October from the month of January, Francis said.

## Library alarms protect Marshall's investment

by **KIMBERLY DUMONT**  
reporter

Doors to the Drinko Study Center, and the main doors to the Drinko Library are armed with an alarm that textbooks sometimes set off.

"The alarms are there to make sure that library materials are properly checked out and that materials that are not allowed to be checked out stay in the library," said Jennifer Siam, user education/reference librarian.

"You can't check out a magazine for example; the alarm is in place to make sure we don't lose those precious materials."

"There is a loud and annoying beep that goes off (when it is set off)," Siam said.

"One of the things that sets it off is college textbooks."

"The people in the bookstore try to de-synthesize them, and we have talked to them, but sometimes the books slip through and they set off our alarms," Sias said.

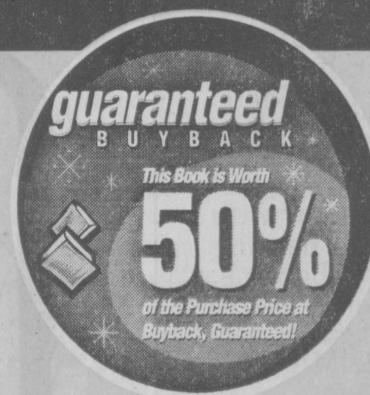
"It happens fairly frequently, but we see it a lot at the beginning of a semester," Sias said.

"We know this is embarrassing for students," Sias said. "Students can stop by the circulation desk and we will run them (textbooks) through a machine that will de-synthesize them. This will make sure the book does not set off the alarm."

"It might be a good idea to bring your spring textbooks in and get them de-synthesized," Sias said.

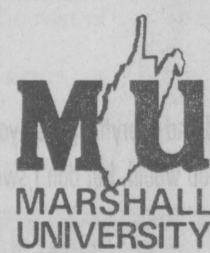
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Marshall has won 15 consecutive games, most recently defeating the Ohio Bobcats 34-3 Nov. 26. WMU has lost two straight games, including a 45-21 loss to Toledo Nov. 20.

### LAST MEETING:

Marshall defeated Western Michigan 31-7 Nov. 13 in Kalamazoo, Mich. 31-17.

### WHAT'S AT STAKE:

The winner of tonight's game will receive an automatic berth into the Motor City Bowl in the Pontiac Silverdome in Pontiac, Mich., to face the Brigham Young Cougars Dec. 27. The bowl game offers a \$750,000 payout to participating teams.

### WHO TO WATCH:

For Marshall, Heisman candidate and MAC offensive Player of the Year Chad Pennington leads the MAC with 3,515 yards passing and 34 touchdowns. Wide receiver Nate Poole is tied for second in the MAC with 66 receptions.

Western Michigan brings the conference's second leading passer in Tim Lester, who enters the game with his 3,357 yards passing and 32 touchdowns. Broncos wide receiver Steve Neal comes into tonight's game averaging six catches per game and is tied for second in the MAC with Poole with 66 receptions.

by JEROD SMALLEY  
reporter

Western Michigan had its shot to pull the upset of the season in the Mid-American Conference earlier this season.

Tonight, the Broncos have another shot to beat the Thundering Herd.

And it comes in the biggest game of the season.

"It's a rarity in life to have a second chance... we have to make the best of it," Western Michigan quarterback Tim Lester said.

Marshall and Western Michigan will battle for the MAC Championship at 8 p.m. tonight at Marshall Stadium.

The teams first met Nov. 13, when Marshall defeated the Broncos 31-17.

The Herd held a 14-10 half-time lead, but then pulled away in the second half with three third quarter touchdowns.

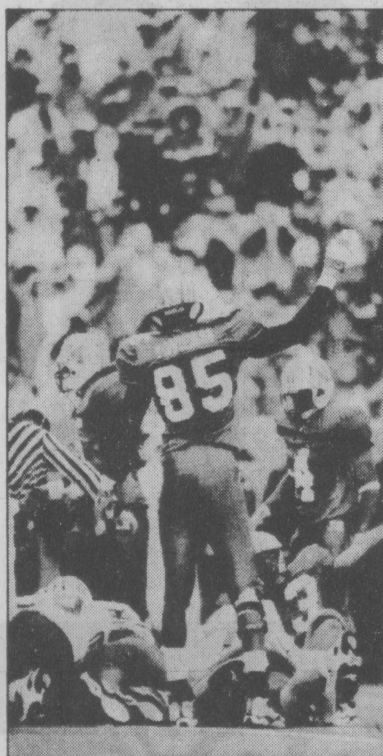


photo by Marilyn Testerman-Haye  
Junior defensive end Paul Tovlessi celebrates during the Thundering Herd's win over Ohio a week ago. Tovlessi and the Thundering Herd defense have allowed a conference-low 104 points this season.

The most publicized quarterback duel in the history of the conference turned out to favor Marshall senior Chad Pennington.

Pennington threw for 339 yards and three touchdowns against the Broncos.

Western Michigan's Tim Lester was not as fortunate.

Lester threw for 193 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions. For the season Pennington has 34 touchdowns passes, second best in the NCAA. Lester is third in the nation with 32.

Marshall's defense was dominant, holding the Broncos offense to 250 total yards. Western Michigan had averaged 30 points per game before the Marshall matchup. The Herd has allowed on average less than 10 points per contest this season.

Herd head coach Bob Pruett said defense was the key in the first game.

"We were able to pressure their quarterback, and we got to him a few times. They are a much better team when they give Lester a chance to throw it," Pruett said.

Tonight's ball game, however, will carry a different tune. Both teams have to put the first matchup out of their minds and focus on tonight's game.

A national television audience on ESPN 2 will watch as the teams decide this season's champion.

Tonight's victor will advance to represent the MAC in the 1999 Motor City Bowl. That game will be played Dec. 27 in Pontiac, Mich., and the opponent will be the Brigham Young Cougars of the Mountain West Conference.

Marshall has won the two previous MAC title games, but each prior matchup was competitive.

In 1997, Marshall faced Toledo and triumphed 34-14. However, Marshall trailed at the half in that game. Last season Marshall, again defeated Toledo, but this time the

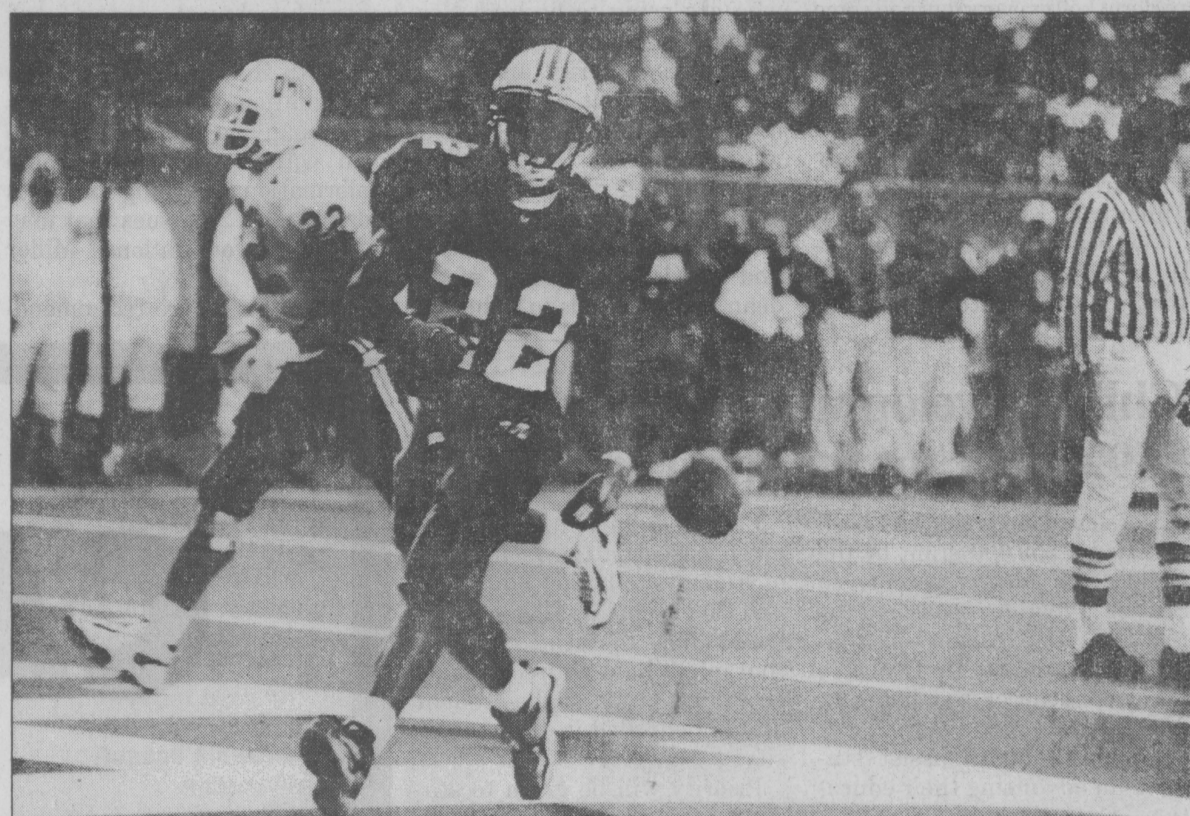


photo by Rick Hays

Marshall senior running back Doug Chapman scores a touchdown during the Thundering Herd's 34-3 victory over Ohio last Friday. Chapman and quarterback Chad Pennington will be among the 18 seniors playing their last home game for Marshall. Marshall faces the Western Michigan Broncos at 8 p.m. tonight and is seeking its third consecutive MAC championship.

Rockets hung tough the entire game. Marshall needed some defensive stands in the second half to pull out a 23-17 win.

The Motor City Bowl has been Marshall's postseason home the last two seasons. The 1997 inaugural game pitted the Herd against SEC opponent Mississippi. In one of the best bowl games of the season, Ole Miss nipped Marshall 34-31.

Marshall disposed of Louisville 48-29 for the school's first-ever win in a bowl game.

The effects of its loss to Marshall apparently stayed with Western Michigan for a while. Two weeks ago, the Broncos closed the regular season with its second consecutive conference loss, a 43-21 decision at Toledo. The Broncos finished at 7-4 overall and 6-2 in the MAC.

Western Michigan is led by Lester, who is statistically among the better quarterbacks

in the country. However, he has several fine receivers on the other end of those passes. Western Michigan wide receiver Steve Neal caught only three balls in the first game, but is among the top three in the conference in receiving.

Lester's favorite target in the first game was Jake Moreland. The 6-foot-4, 240-pound tight end gave Marshall fits in the first half, as Lester went to him frequently.

The Broncos' Robert Sanford provides running balance. The junior was among the top five in the conference in rushing, and scored one rushing touchdown against the Herd in their first matchup.

Bronco head coach Gary Darnell said his players will not have the results of the first meeting in their heads.

"Motivation for us isn't just Marshall," Darnell said. "It's playing for a championship. We

can't dwell on the past."

Marshall is led offensively by its wide receiving corps.

James Williams leads the team in scoring, while Nate Poole is second in the conference in receiving. John Cooper, Lanier Washington and David Foye all have been major contributors as wide outs.

Because the temperature tonight is expected to be in the low 30s, running the football may become extremely important.

Marshall's Doug Chapman and Llow Turner alternate at running back, and may be relied upon heavily tonight. The duo averages 4.2 and 4.9 yards per rush, respectively.

Chapman said he is looking forward to the challenge he expects from the Broncos.

"It's hard to beat a team twice, and they have revenge on their minds," Chapman said. "The team that plays the best is going to win."

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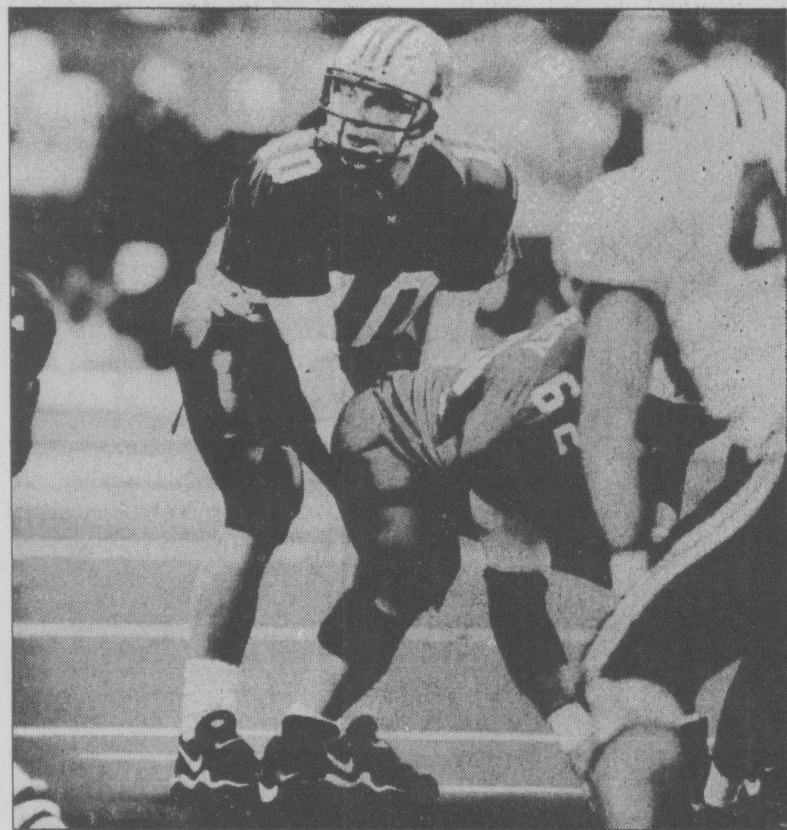


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Marshall senior quarterback Chad Pennington has led the Thundering Herd to two MAC championships and the school's first-ever bowl win, as well as accumulating numerous NCAA, conference and school passing records in his career.

# Team play over individual honors

## Pennington ends home career against WMU

by MIKE KLUG and  
AARON E. RUNYON  
reporters

Chad Pennington has set both Thundering Herd and NCAA records during his career at Marshall.

But records are not what Marshall's senior quarterback wants to be remembered for.

"Just the fact that I played hard and was a team player that did everything to help my team," Pennington said. "That is what I want to be remembered for."

But the Heisman candidate will be remembered for more than that.

Pennington has thrown for 13,617 yards and 119 touchdowns in his career at Marshall. He was 25-of-37 against the Ohio Bobcats last Friday, furthering his record setting by

becoming the third player in NCAA history to record 1,000 career completions.

Tonight, when Marshall plays Western Michigan in the Mid-American Conference Championship game, Pennington will start his final game on James F. Edwards Field at Marshall Stadium.

The Thundering Herd will be going for its third straight MAC title.

"Well, you never know what's going to happen," Pennington said. "I'm sure they got a few new wrinkles in their defense to try out new. We've got a few new wrinkles in our offense. That's why we play the game to see what happens."

Pennington said Marshall would concentrate on the championship ring and leave thoughts of the Motor City Bowl aside.

"It would mean a lot to the

university, especially to our team and our senior class if we could become one of the few teams ever in the MAC Conference to three-peat," he said. "I think our whole senior class is pretty excited, and it will be a challenge to control our emotion. We want to go out the right way."

Marshall head coach Bob Pruett recognized the senior's desire for a perfect season.

"This is game is important to the seniors and I'm excited about it for them," said Pruett, who recently signed a seven-year contract as head coach. "We really don't talk about our emotions, we just have expectations. They know what is expected of them."

Pennington knows those expectations will carry over to next year's squad.

"Hopefully, it just calms

everybody's suspicion and lets everybody know he's here to stay," Pennington said of the contract extension. "It lets younger players play at ease knowing that they're going to have a coach next year."

Pennington credited some of his success to the coaches he has had at Marshall.

"I've had five different coordinators and a couple different quarterbacks coaches," he said. "All of them have contributed in trying to help me mature and grow as a quarterback. I'm really thankful."

The Heisman Trophy candidate and GTE Academic All-American noted his pride in those accomplishments.

"I'm proud of both of them," Pennington said. "I'm not proud of one more than the other. That's why I try to do the best in everything I do."

# Herd volleyball finishes season with even record, bright future

by HOMER DAWSON  
reporter

The Marshall women's volleyball team ended its season with a 3-0 loss in the Mid-American Conference tournament to eventual champion Ball State.

Playing the top seed in the tournament was something head coach Steffi Legall hoped to avoid.

"We learned how important the regular season is to establish a good seed in the conference tournament," she said.

The Herd finished the season with a 15-15 record overall and 9-9 in the MAC.

Although the season ended sooner than the team would have liked, it was not without

its high points.

Legall said the team's 6-1 conference start and matches against Miami, Akron and Western Michigan as highlights of the season.

"The win at Miami was our most exciting win and the victory at Akron was an extremely hard fought match," Legall said. "Senior night against Western Michigan was just some great volleyball."

The team already is looking to next season, and the team will return with some strengths.

"We will have a strong nucleus of returning starters, Wendy (Williams) on the outside, and our middle blockers are all strong," Legall said. "We are

returning an athletic bunch."

The middle blocking position is strong for the Herd with three players returning to that position, including junior Kate Shulz and two freshmen, Heidi Kuethe and Sarah Boyles.

The two freshmen were recently named to the MAC's all-freshman team. The duo make up a third of that team.

Kuethe, who splits time at the outside hitter position, was second on the team with 2.85 kills per game. She also tallied



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87 total blocks, good for second on the team.

Boyles, from Colorado Springs, led the Herd with 1.05 blocks per game and set the team's season high with 12 against Northern

Illinois. That single-match total was the third-highest in Marshall history.

"Both worked hard and were eager to improve," Legall said. "They found their niche on the court, played steady and got some great experience along the way."

Another freshman who was a

large contributor to the team was Jodi Fick. She filled a back-row role for the Herd and also gained valuable experience, Legall said.

Three seniors — Jessica DeGraaf, Jessica Downs, and Nicole Frizzo have played their last games for the Herd.

"We are losing some key players, but we are returning experience," Legall said.

The setter position, which Frizzo filled for four seasons in a record-setting matter, will be especially important.

"Nicole has been there for four years — those are some big shoes to fill," Legall said.

The team received little time off before beginning offseason workouts. They started back in the

weight room Monday in preparation for the spring season.

"We are talking about next year already," Legall said. "The spring season is where we can work with the individual on position teaching and individual technique."

"The season had its ups and downs, but the team is optimistic for next season."

"This season is difficult to sum up, but it was another good year with a young team," Legall said. "Losing in the first round [of the MAC tournament] was disappointing, but looking back we were down 13-3 in the third game (against Ball State) and we pulled to 13-11."

"That proved to me that this is a winning team."

# Marshall has everything it takes to be the perfect team they are

CHARLES SHUMAKER  
sports editor

If speculation wins championships, welcome to title town.

Huntington and Marshall have boasted all week about the Motor City Bowl and whining about who the Thundering Herd could play. But haven't we been forgetting something?

A little thing called Western Michigan.

No, Marshall hasn't forgotten about the Broncos, nor have they forgotten about the 31-17 stampede a few weeks ago. The same teams will run onto the field one coming off with a win; the other off with a loss. One will finish the season undefeated and the other with five losses. Since one game can't constitute for five losses, the answer to the outcome is obvious.

Barring mistakes that measure up to something never before seen, all the Thundering Herd fans who have made their arrangements for Detroit won't be disappointed.

How can any one team or town be so confident? Here's 10 reasons to get me started, the rest will come tonight.

1. We're undefeated!

If we didn't lose in 11 games this season, what makes anyone think the team will give it up at the end of the season just so

they can skip a bowl game to catch "A Christmas Story" with their siblings? Not likely.

2. We have Chad Pennington.

Who is this guy anyway? The only thing he has lost over the past season is sleep. Between ESPN, Rhodes Scholar and the Downtown Athletic Club calling on him, who could find time to count sheep or for that matter dollar signs (when college football's golden boy is drafted to the NFL in the spring)?

3. Western Michigan is good, but not that good.

Besides, the first time was no fluke and the second time around Rogers Beckett is back, Doug Chapman is 100 percent and Tim Lester couldn't handle the D-Line once, definitely not twice.

4. Sure arrogance is unattractive but come on, we haven't lost at home since Dec. 16 1995.

5. We have the the blessing of everyone from nuns at Saint Mary's Hospital to the Mormon community at BYU, who has it accepted the bowl game with expectations of facing Marshall.

6. Head coach Bob Pruett didn't sign on for seven more years to lose. Besides, what fun is a victory party at the Bobby Pruett Steakhouse without a victory?

7. If our schedule is as weak as everyone says, than a team this good would have to run the table to prove themselves. Oh wait it did. Why stop now?

8. 1,042 votes can't be wrong (that's how many the No. 11 Thundering Herd has in the latest Associated Press poll)

9. Has anyone ever mentioned the offensive and defensive lines?

Doug Chapman and Llow Turner don't do it by themselves and Girardie Mercer and Paul Toviesi won't hesitate to throw a quarterback to the turf just for stepping back into the pocket.

10. And yet again... that's right we have No. 10!

Sure Pennington is not the whole team but everyone who ever said he knows the Marshall offense better than the coaches is right. The guy's like a politician, except he doesn't lie. He shakes hands and kisses babies every chance he gets, not to mention signs every shirt, cup, ball and tire iron put in front of him.

I can't say it's a guaranteed win tonight because that's why they play the games. The team will never tell anyone that they expect to beat them and this is surely not a game to be guaranteeing a victory. But hey, if you're going to speculate and be arrogant about your school, why not hang it all out, what do we have to lose?

Marshall wins, 42 — not enough.

JEROD SMALLEY  
guest columnist

Oh, yes. The time has come once again for local businesses to manufacture Marshall championship gear before the championship game is even played.

Gotta love the arrogance. What a great time to live in Huntington.

I can smell the beer and hear the cheers as the Herd approaches another MAC title game. But remember that tonight's Marshall-Western Michigan scrap will be the last MAC Championship game in Huntington for some time. Next season will be the first since 1991 in which Marshall may have to travel to compete for a championship.

What a shame it will be to have to venture out of Huntington, even if it is only

for one day.

If Western doesn't come into tonight's game ready to kill all that is green, I will be surprised. I mean, could we have given them any more bulletin board material? If this is any indication, I am writing this column while wearing a Marshall 1999 MAC Champion T-shirt and watching a story about BYU on television with heightened interest.

I have watched all week as local media types and the Herd "faithful" discussed possible opponents for Marshall in the Motor City Bowl.

Let's forget that Marshall needs to defeat the Broncos in the MAC title game to earn that spot. Now, I am not saying Marshall is going to lose this matchup. In fact, I think the Herd will win big tonight. But shouldn't we be taking each challenge one at a time (I say "we" because all Marshall fans say "we")? I sure hope the Herd is taking Western seriously.

Just because Marshall won the first battle between the clubs Nov. 13 does not mean

the Herd has won the war. Although quite possibly, if each team were a famous battle leader, Marshall would be Patton and Western would portray Custer.

I am a proud owner of the infamous Marshall 1987 I-AA National Champion sweatshirt. I boast about my Herd 1995 I-AA National Champion chess set. I burst with glee when I show off my 1997 Motor City Bowl Champion ice pick.

In each of these years, of course, the Herd came up short. I fear the T-shirt I am currently wearing will find its way to the trash and my \$13 will have gone to waste.

BYU is no doubt a great opponent for whoever wins tonight's game. Finally, the Motor City Bowl folks got their stuff together and went after a decent team. But none of that will matter for Marshall fans if the Herd does not win tonight.

So I remind us all of a clever phrase to sum my thoughts. "Let my words today be as sweet as sugar, because tomorrow I may have to eat them."

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Chad A. Beam, Charleston junior and therapeutic recreation major, moves from the weight bench to his chair in the Gullickson Hall Health and Fitness center. Beam straps a belt around his waist and the underside of the bench to keep his balance while lifting.

*One of Chad Beam's purposes in life is to break the stereotypes*

## No BOUNDARIES

PHOTO STORY  
BY REBECCA CANTLEY

Chad Beam may use a wheelchair, but that doesn't keep him on the sidelines.

From playing intramural softball with Baptist Campus Ministries to lifting weights, he proves wheelchairs pose few obstacles.

A senior and therapeutic recreation major from Char-

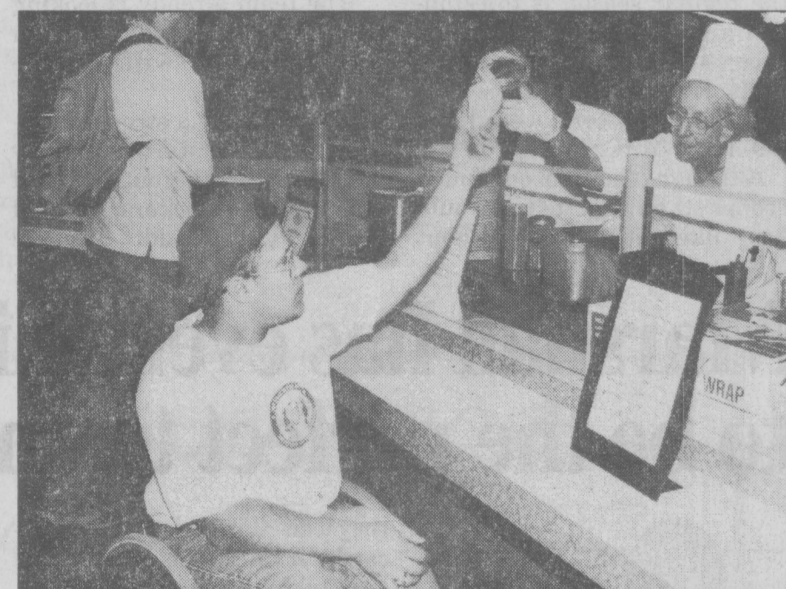
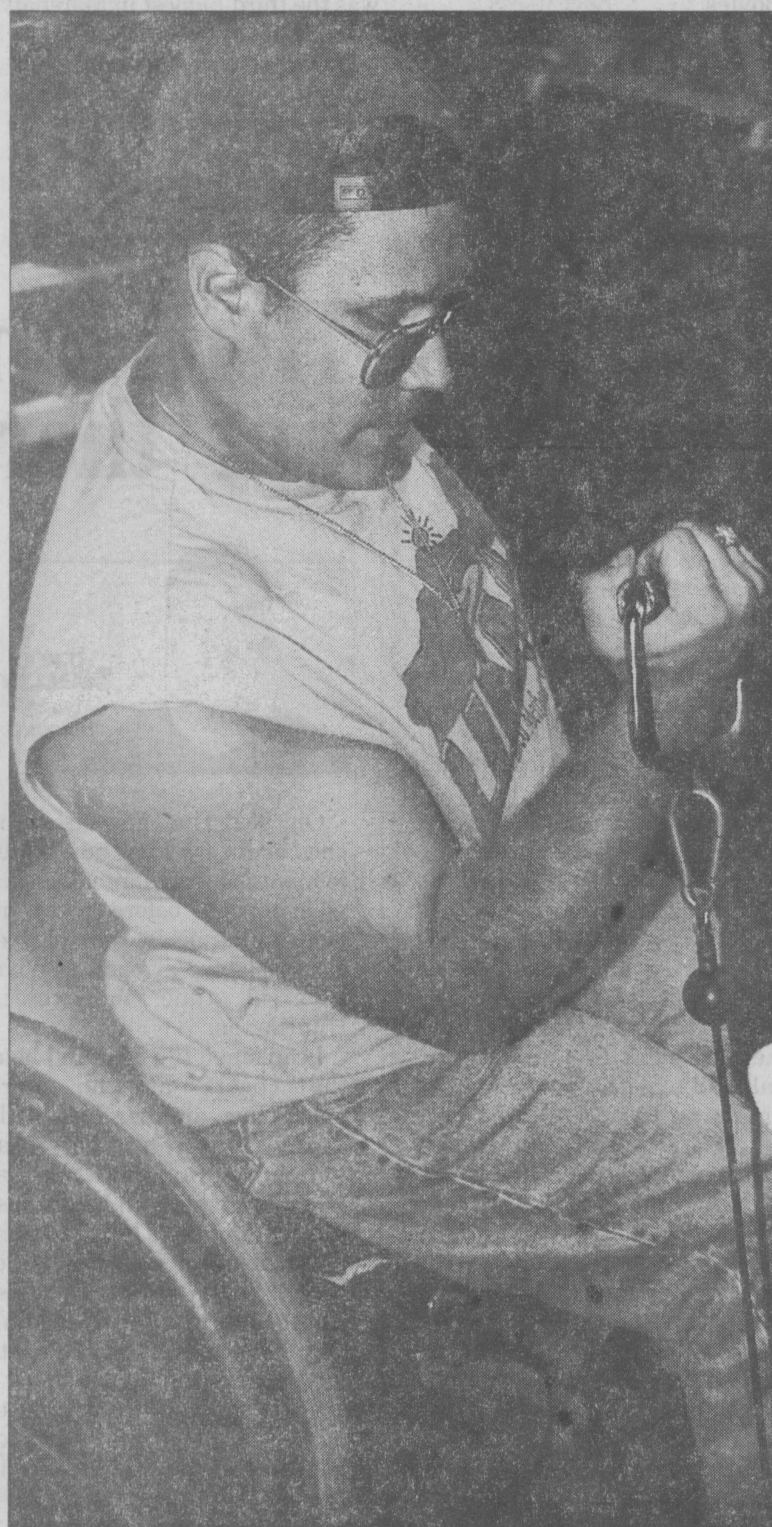
leston, he was born with spina bifida.

A typical day for Beam, who lives in Holderby Hall, includes going to class, and working out, playing softball or swimming.

With his determination and faith in God, he hopes those activities will him gain strength in his legs and make it possible for him to walk.



**Top:** Determination can be seen in Beam's face as he lifts a barbell above his head in the fitness center at Gullickson Hall.  
**Above:** After an active day, Beam likes to spend time in the John Deaver Drinko library sending e-mail to friends.



**Above:** Beam, who lives in Holderby Hall, often eats dinner at the Memorial Student Center. Here, a cafeteria employee hands him a turkey sub sandwich.



**Above:** Beam also plays softball on the Baptist Campus Ministries intramural team. **Center:** Beam works out his biceps in the fitness center. "One of my biggest purposes in life is to break the stereotypes and show people what we have to go through," he said. **Below:** Beam and his friend J.T. Stevens, a Roane County sophomore, wait to use an exercise machine in the fitness center.

